(e) the total number of people expected to get jobs;

(f) how much coal will be required;

(g) whether there is any proposal to import coal from abroad for this project, if so, the details thereof; and

(h) whether there is any proposal to construct a harbour for import of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between M/s. International Contracting and Marketing Corporation (ICMC), USA and TNEB for setting up of 1000 MW coal based thermal power plant at Cuddalore. The salient features of the project are as follows:—

I.	Capacity	2 + 500 MW
II.	Capacity Cost . . .	US$ 2221 million (estimated completed cost as on 1999.)
III.	Debt equity ratio . . .	80:20
IV.	Cost of generation. . .	Rs. 2.76/Kwh

(c) As per project report submitted by M/s ICMC, the first unit of the project could be commissioned in about 46 months after financial closing and second unit with a interval of six months thereafter.

(d) As per the project report the total estimated completion cost (as on 1999) of the project is US $ 2221 million.

(e) The Approx: No. of persons to be employed as per project report are as follows:

i. During Construction: 2070 (including those to be employed by the contractors)

ii. During operation: 500 (excluding those to be employed by the contractors).

(f) As per the project report, Annual coal requirement is estimated as 5.4 million tonnes.

(g) In the project report it is envisaged that the coal would be transported from Talcher coalfields to Cuddalore by RAIL-CUM-SEA Route It is however mentioned that consideration should also be given for import of coal on short term basis.

(h) The project report envisages construction of a harbour for the transportation of coal from Talcher by rail-cum-sea route.

Delay in commissioning the Tenughat Hydro-electric Project

2190. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is further delay in commissioning of Tenughat Hydro-electric Project in Bihar;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be commissioned and the Power generation started;

(c) whether Government have released full amount of its contribution to this project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) No hydro-electric project is being set up in

Tenughat in Bihar. However, the commissioning of the Tenughat Thermal Power Project Stage-I (2x210 MW) has been delayed. Unit-1 is now expected to be synchronised by March, 1994 and Unit-2 by January, 1995.

(c) to (e) This project is being set up by the Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Limited a public sector undertaking of the Government of Bihar as a State Sector project. Central Government is not required to make any contribution towards its implementation.

Collusion by foreign companies to avoid competition

2191. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry has been conducted by his Ministry into collusion by major power companies to avoid competing with each other during their bidding for power projects in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for which no major foreign power company submitted a bid competing with another power company from the country;

(d) whether Government propose to review the eagerness shown to foreign power companies;

(e) whether foreign power companies are exploiting this situation; and

(f) what steps Government propose to take to firm up its negotiation stance in order to extract reasonable terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No. Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) As inviting private foreign investment in power sector was a totally new initiative, the initial batch of proposals have come through negotiations between the State Electricity Boards and the promoters.

(d) The interst generated among the foreign power companies in Indian Power sector is a measure of success of our policy. The Ministry of Power have advised the SEBs/State Govts. to now introduce an element of competitive bidding for awarding new projects to private companies.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Negotiating the terms and conditions for purchase of power from the private generating companies is entirely within the purview of the SEBs/State Govts. who are competent to decide what terms they consider reasonable and acceptable.

Power generation in the country

2192. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total power generation capacity at present in India;

(b) what is the break-up of the installed capacity, source-wise;

(c) what is the total actual generation through all systems, separately, in terms of MWs and percentage share of each of these;

(d) what is the percentage of transmission losses;

(e) whether theft is one of the reasons for the gap between generation and supply; and

(f) what are the modes of theft adopted by unscrupulous users and what is being done to stop the malpractice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Source wise installed capacity in the country as on 31.1.1994 is as per details given below:—